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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Ernest Lindley of NEWSWEEK arranged for an off-the-record dinner in the Cabinet Room at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel on Tuesday, 18 November 1958, at which the Director, Allen W. Dulles spoke, off-the-record, and with the understanding that no news stories would result from his talk. The guests arrived at 6:30 p.m. and the event was concluded at 9:50 p.m. Those present were:

1. Ernest Lindley, NEWSWEEK
2. Roscoe Drummond, NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
3. Robert Donovan, NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
4. William S. White, United Features Syndicate
5. Marquis Childs, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
6. David Lawrence, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
7. William H. Harrison, Washington STAR
8. Russell Wiggins, WASHINGTON POST & TIMES HERALD
9. R. H. Shackford, SCRIPPS-HOWARD
10. Fletcher Knebel, Cowles Publications
11. Ernest Barcella, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
12. John R. Beal, TIME
13. Ed Lahey, CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
14. Richard Harkness, NBC
15. Eric Sevareid, CBS
16. James Reston, NEW YORK TIMES
17. Fred Collins, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL
18. John R. Cauley, Kansas City STAR AND TIMES
19. Mark Watson, BALTIMORE SUN
20. William Beale, ASSOCIATED PRESS
21. Robert Riggs, Louisville COURIER JOURNAL
22. Arthur Sulvester, NEWARK NEWS
23. Arthur Hermann, Gannett News Service
24. Stanley J. Grogan, Assistant to the Director

2. In his brief talk and in answering questions Mr. Dulles said substantially the following:

This is a period when the USSR and Red China are pursuing a hard line particularly in Berlin, Iran, the Geneva Conference, by shooting